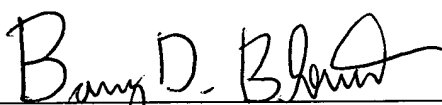


REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant is presenting new claims 14-46 for the first time. The Applicant respectfully asserts that new claims 14-46 are allowable over the prior art of record and an indication of allowability is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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